

Mr. Racketa



Computer Technology

My name is Mr. Racketa and I am entering my 38th year of classroom teaching. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, an Elementary Education Degree, a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction and I am certified in Computer Technology K-12.

My schedule for the upcoming school year includes Introduction to Computer Science for sophomores, Introduction to Computers for seventh graders, Introduction to 3D Printing for eighth graders, an Advanced 3D Printing class for upper classmen and a Media Production class, which produces the morning news show for Mineral Ridge High School.

Mr. Brown

**8th Grade
Social Studies**



Hi,

I will be your 8th grade American History teacher this year. My name is Mr. Shawn Brown. I have been teaching on Mineral Ridge since 2000. I have made the move from Seaborn where I taught 5th and 6th grade Social Studies and many of you had me for class. I am excited for the opportunity to be your teacher for another year or getting to be your teacher for the 1st time.

My classroom is Room 408, and I have Homeroom 8B.

In 8th grade American History, we will be learning the time period between Colonization to Reconstruction. This time period covers the 13 original colonies, the War for Independence, the Constitution, the Early Years of our country, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. We will also be completing some geography/map activities. There will be discussions, activities, projects, notes, quizzes, and tests. You will also be getting a Google Classroom Invite in your school's email account please join.

My class supplies include:

3 subject poly (plastic) cover spiral notebook with pocket dividers

Pencils, pens (blue or black only)

bottle or stick of glue

colored pencils

scissors

pencil sharpener

The Weathersfield Local School District grading scale is the following:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

If you have any questions please feel free to email/call me at -

brownsha@weathersfield.k12.oh.us

330-652-1408 ext 1408

Join Remind to receive texts about projects, tests, and announcements by following this link: <https://www.remind.com/join/g3k8836>

Thank you for your time and let's have a great year!

Mr. Brown

****Parents look for a syllabus to come home on the 1st day of school with some more important information.****



Mrs.
Pepperney
Intervention
Specialist/Study Skills
Room #103



I will post all information about assignments, upcoming due dates and any other important information on my **google classroom** page-please join the class to get the notifications!

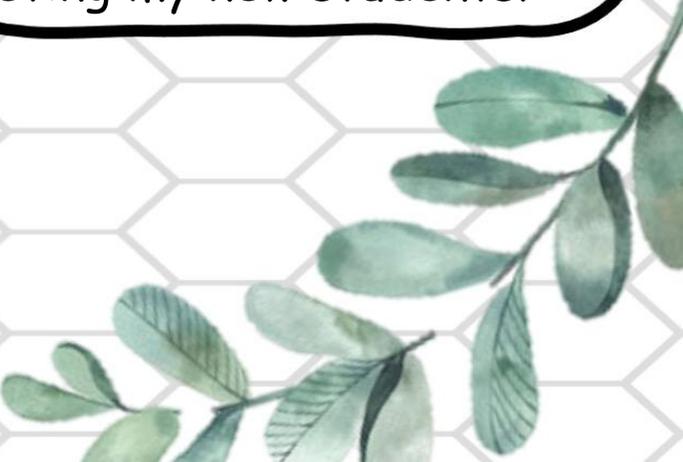
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Welcome to Intervention and Study Skills! This class will focus on areas of academic content, assessing and implementing the Individualized Education Plan (IEP), and working on post secondary goals (after high school). In addition to these areas the class will work on reteaching of skills learned in the classroom. I am looking forward to a great "normal" year and to meeting my new students!

Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns:

Pepperneychr@weathersfield.k12.oh.us

330-652-1451 ext. 1103



Mr. McNamara
7th Grade World History
10th Grade Financial Literacy



Hello everyone, my name is Mr. Tyler McNamara! I have recently graduated from Youngstown State University. I am beyond excited for the opportunity to start my teaching career here at Mineral Ridge. While I am not familiar with the community, I am looking forward to getting to know the community and the people of the community. I am excited to get the year started, I hope to bring a fresh perspective and energetic attitude to the classroom!

7th Grade World History will teach you about a variety of ancient and modern civilizations all around the world that helped shape our world today! These civilizations will be taught to you in a variety of fun and engaging activities!

10th Grade Financial Literacy will be integrating project-based instruction and real-world situations. This course will give students the knowledge and general understanding of all key aspects of personal finances necessary to be successful now and throughout their adult lives. The structure of this class will reflect real-world situations as closely as possible.

Hello Students, Welcome to Mr. Culp's class!

Room 105 (2nd to last room on the left side)



I will be your math instructor this year and look forward to helping you be successful in your classes.

I attended Youngstown State University for my Bachelors Degree as well as my Masters Degree and have been teaching High School level math for 21 years. This year my schedule includes CCP Calculus, CCP College Algebra, CCP Trigonometry, Stem Geometry, Geometry, and Geometry Lab. I also have been coaching football and track for over 28 years.

Here are some quick tips to help you be successful in your science class:

- Be prepared for class daily and expect to work in your class everyday.
- Make sure your computer is charged daily.
- Ask for help immediately if you are having any difficulties
- Make sure all of your assignments including homeworks and in class assignments are complete in Google Classroom and Progress Book and that you received credit for those assignments

Good luck this year!

Mr. Culp

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Mr Scott Merola
History Department
Email: merolasco@weathersfield.k12.oh.us
Room 207



2021-2022 Classes:

American Government
AP Government & Politics
Cold War / History of Sports
Modern World History

Welcome Students,

Hello! My name is Mr Merola and I will be your Social Studies teacher this upcoming school year. I hope you're as excited about this school year as I am! Before I talk about your classes, let me tell you a little about myself. I graduated in 2006 from Youngstown State University. Yes, I'm getting old! I currently reside in McDonald with my wife and three kids. I enjoy sports, movies, hunting, hanging out with my family and sharing my love of history with all who will listen.

In all classes, it will help if you keep an organized notebook at all times. Students tend to do better on tests and quizzes if they keep an up to date course binder. Hence, for all classes I highly recommend a three ring binder (1 ½"), dividers, and plenty of loose leaf paper. Also, you'll need to cover your textbook. All other supplies and expectations will be discussed during the first couple days of school as we review your course syllabus.

Throughout the year, I will try my best to keep class both educational and enjoyable and will enhance all classes with games, films, projects, cooperative learning, role-playing, visuals and simulations. Above all, I'm here to help you succeed! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me through email or see me before or after school. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you! Let's have a great year!

Sincerely,

Mr Merola

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."
Winston Churchill

Mr. Spanos
Grades 9 and 11 Language Arts
Room 204



Nick Spanos has been teaching in Mineral Ridge since he graduated from The Youngstown State University in 2008. He returned a few years later to attain his masters degree in Educational Administration. A lifelong resident of North-East Ohio Nick has remained in close contact with his parents as well as starting a family of his own.

Nick has two children with his wife of 12 years, Laura. She is also a teacher and the two of them share a mutual interest in travel, literature and history. The bulk of Nick's "free time" is spent with his daughter (aged 6) and his son (aged 3). His hobbies include eating (not cooking), exercise, and playing outside with his children.

He hopes to share his love of literature with his students in the same way he learned to enjoy reading in school. The bulk of our work will come from the class textbook called *MyPerspectives*, we may also use the Jefferson Online module. In addition we will read multiple grade level appropriate novels as well write several formal MLA style essays.

Ms. Bunch
7th and 8th grade Intervention Specialist



Hello parents and students! My name is Debi Bunch. I am the Intervention Specialist for 7th and 8th grade students. I grew up in Mineral Ridge and graduated from Mineral Ridge High school in 1989. I attended Kent State University and earned my Bachelor's of Science in Special Education(K-12). I have previously worked at Leonard Kirtz, MASCO workshops and Youngstown City Schools. This is my 13th year at Mineral Ridge.

As an Intervention Specialist, my job is to provide services and support to students with academic, social, and behavioral needs. These services include: designing, implementing and assessing individualized programs based on students needs and encouraging life-long learners.

My contact information is: bunchdeb@weathersfield.k12.oh.us. You can also call the high school at 330-652-1451 extension 1301. I look forward to meeting all of you and for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year!

Welcome to Career Readiness!!!

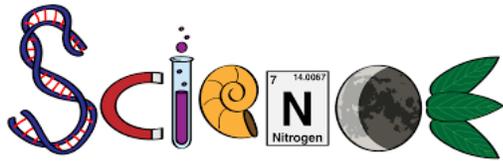
My name is Brian Fedyski and I look forward to working with your child this year. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies Comprehensive and Secondary Education from Youngstown State University. I received my Career Based Intervention Degree from Kent State University. I received my Master's Degree in Curriculum from Ashland University.

The Career Readiness is a semester class for all juniors. When the semester is over, your child will have earned the Ohio Means Jobs Career Readiness Seal and the NIMS Certification Pathway (An Industry Recognized Credential for Ohio High School Graduation). Both of these achievements will go on their diploma and transcript.

I have been teaching for over thirty five years at various high schools in the area. I have taught many different courses throughout my career.

Please feel free to contact me by email at fedyskibri@weathersfield.k12.oh.us or phone at 330-652-1451 ext 1401.

Brian Fedyski



Hello Students, Welcome to Mr. Komlanc's class!



I will be your science instructor this year and look forward to helping you be successful in your classes.

On a personal note I attended Youngstown State University and have been teaching science for over 10 years. I am a big fan of Cleveland sports and enjoy the outdoors. This year my schedule includes Biology I, Biology II, Environmental Earth / Astronomy, and Physical Science.

Here are some quick tips to help you be successful in your science class:

- Review your classroom notes daily and check for any communication in the Google Classroom
- Ask for help immediately if you are having any difficulties
- Make sure all of your assignments including homeworks, labs, and in class assignments are complete in Google Classroom and Progress Book

Good luck this year!

Mr. Komlanc

komlancmic@weathersfield.k12.oh.us

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Ms. Stith
8th grade Science
Athletic Director



My name is Ms.Stith and I am currently teaching 8th grade science and I am also the Athletic Director for MRHS. I am a 1987 graduate of Mineral Ridge and graduated from YSU in 1993. I have been working in the Weathersfield Local Schools for 21 years, I have coached JH and HS cheerleading, where we were state champions from 2011-2013 and I have coached JH and HS girls track.

I began my career at St. Mary's school in Warren where I taught 8th grade, 6th math, 7th social studies and 4 th grade. When I came to Mineral Ridge, I taught 4th grade, then moved to the middle school and taught 5th and 6th grade science. I just moved to the HS in 2019 to teach 7th grade ELA, last year I taught 7th and 8th grade science.

Mrs. Weaver
High School Mathematics



This is my 32nd year of teaching, with the last being 21 being at Mineral Ridge High School. I was raised in Youngstown, Ohio and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. I went on to earn my Bachelor and Masters Degrees from Youngstown State University. I have been married for 24 years and we have two children ages 22 and 18.

I teach 8th grade Algebra 1, STEM Algebra 2, Algebra 2, and Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus. I strive to help every student succeed, and try to set up my classes to reach that goal. I like to provide different opportunities for practice and feedback to help students improve and feel more confident as we work through new material. I am looking forward to a great year, and I am looking forward to meeting my new students and seeing previous students again!

WELCOME BACK MRHS

Mr. Cluse
Health/PE
Rm. 404



Welcome to the new school year! My name is Mr. Cluse and I will be teaching Health and several other Health/Physical Education courses. I'm thrilled to have your child in my classroom this year and look forward to getting to know you and your child better. Together we will make this year a success.

"Intelligence and skill can only function at the peak of their capacity when the body is healthy and strong" - John F. Kennedy

I am a Mineral Ridge graduate and have lived here for over 45 years. My children also graduated from Mineral Ridge and I take great pride in helping the next generation get the best education possible. This will be my eighth year teaching in the District and I hope to make it the best one yet. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Your child's education is our top priority. Here is a list of classes I will be teaching.

Health 7

Athletic Training

Stress Management

Strength & Conditioning

Advanced Physical Education

Health 9

Ethics in Sports

Racquet Sports

**“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education” –
Martin Luther King**

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. My name is Mr. Barker and I am an intervention specialist that primarily will work with students in the self contained classroom setting. I am entering my 21st year of teaching. I have taught in the Newton Falls School District, for Mahoning County, at Potential Development, and I have spent the last ten years working within the Weathersfield Local School District. I attended and received my degree for Ohio University in 1999, and received my special education certification from YSU. I have a wonderful wife, three great kids, four crazy dogs and two, soon to be three cats. I have been lucky enough to coach baseball and football and many different districts throughout the Valley, as I have a passion for athletics. When you walk into my room you will notice I am a huge Buckeye and Browns fan! I look forward to having all of you in my classroom this year and look forward to a great school year!





Miss Skiba
9th/10th grade Intervention Specialist
Room #301

Dear Families,

This school year will be my tenth year teaching as an Intervention Specialist at Mineral Ridge High School. I am a 2008 graduate of MRHS and recently moved back to Mineral Ridge with my fiance, Jason, and two boys Bryce and Blake. I coach junior high volleyball at MRHS and also love to play for fun.

I am excited to be working with your child, and am looking forward to the progress that will be made. My goals for your child this year include monitoring high expectations by learning strategies and making modifications, creating a community of lifelong learners, and learning how to be a good citizen and student.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns, questions or comments regarding your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or special education services.

I can be reached via:

Email- skibacou@weathersfield.k12.oh.us

Phone- (330) 652-1451 EXT. 1301

Let's work together to make this year successful!

Miss Skiba

Welcome to Physical Education at Mineral Ridge High School!

I hope that you had a wonderful summer full of fun with family and friends! My name is Mrs. Spalding and I will be your Physical Education teacher this year. I received my teaching degree from YSU where I was a student/athlete. I have always loved being active whether participating in sports or spending my time outdoors. I taught at Warren G. Harding High School and then stayed at home for several years to raise my family before coming to Mineral Ridge. I am beginning my sixth year here and I love being a Ram!



It has been said that, “Fitness is not about being better than someone else...it’s about being better than you used to be.”

This means a couple of things. First, it means that although you may already be involved in sports or have some type of fitness routine, there is always room for improvement. What this also means is that as you, your parents and your teachers work together for you to have a successful expedition through junior high and high school, we need you to do it in the spirit of:

I will be prompt and prepared.

I will be polite.

I will be positive.

I will give my best effort.

These few simple actions will help each of you to be successful this year in your fitness journey. We will take steps together working towards your success as you prepare for your future. This school year, you will be challenged to grow in many ways and, if you are willing to work hard, you will love the direction that this journey will take you in.

Our fitness journey will include many fun activities, games and sports. Some of our units include leisure activities (kan jam, corn hole, bocce, croquet), net games (badminton and pickleball) and team sports (volleyball, basketball, hockey). This is just the start of the fun activities planned for you to participate in!

*I look forward to meeting you (or seeing you again), please come equipped with a positive attitude!
I hope that you are as excited as I am to begin this fantastic journey! See you soon! **Go Rams!***

Julie Edwards Art teacher at MRHS Room 302

Welcome all new and previous students. I have been an art teacher for 9 years and I have been teaching at MRHS since 2015. I graduated from YSU with a bachelors degree in visual art education K-12 in 2012. I currently live in Mineral Ridge and I graduated from MRHS in 1995.

This year I will be teaching:

8th Grade Art

Drawing 1 & 2

Painting 1 & 2

Photography & Digital Design

Sculpture (3D design) & Ceramics

Advanced Placement Art (2D Design and Drawing)

I will supply any art supplies needed for projects, except specific supplies any student wants that I do not have, (will have to be purchased by student).

I look forward to this school year and I will answer any questions or concerns via email:

Edwardsjul@weathersfield.k12.oh.us





Mrs. Harper
7th Grade Science/8th Grade Math

Hello students and families!

My name is Mrs. Harper and I am very excited to be joining the 7th/8th grade team this year at Mineral Ridge High School! I am thrilled to be your teacher and I am looking forward to a year of learning and fun! I can't wait to learn about all of you, but first I will tell you a little about me!

I graduated from Youngstown State University with my bachelor's degree in Middle Childhood education with a focus in Mathematics and Science! For the past 3 years, I have taught Math and Science at Jefferson PK-8 Middle School in Warren. I am very excited to be starting my fourth year of teaching at Mineral Ridge! My goal this year is to make Math and Science fun and engaging!

My husband and I, along with our sweet dog Nova moved to Mineral Ridge this year in January and we are excited to be a part of this community! My favorite things to do are play with my dog, hangout with my family, and be outside! I also enjoy coffee, crafting, and shopping!



Hello and WELCOME BACK!!! My name is Mrs. Wallace and I am the Speech-Language Pathologist for the district, working with students in preschool through 12th grade. For those of you who do not know me, this is my 5th year working for Weathersfield Local Schools, but prior to that, I worked with South-Western City Schools and the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, both in the Columbus, Ohio area. I am a graduate of Mineral Ridge High School, Ohio University and I obtained my Master's degree at The Ohio State University. I love the Buckeyes and being at the beach or Disney! I live in Mineral Ridge with my husband and children. I have 2 sons who both attend Seaborn Elementary in grades 4 and 6.

I am so excited to start this new year and see all of my students, as well as meet my new students. As the speech-language pathologist, I see students for a wide variety of speech and language needs, such as articulation skills (how a student pronounces specific sounds) and receptive (how a student is able to understand what they hear, follow directions and comprehend verbal information) and expressive (how a student uses language to communicate, including grammar skills and vocabulary use) language skills. I also see students to target fluency/stuttering and pragmatic/social language skills. I see most students in my classrooms, which are located within the office at both Seaborn and at the High School. I also see some students within their classrooms or in the cafeteria and I service the Fairhaven Preschool Classroom in our building at Seaborn. If you are the parent of a kindergarten student, I will be screening all kindergartners' speech and language skills within the first month of the school year. I will also be screening all new Seaborn students, as well as any students from last year who needed re-screened.

Throughout the school year, if you need to get in touch with me for any reason, please do not hesitate to call or email me. My classroom phone number is 330-652-9695, ext. 2008 and my email address is wallaceton@weathersfield.k12.oh.us I will also use Class Dojo to communicate with parents of students on my caseload, such as when scheduling parent-teacher conferences or sending other reminders or updates. If you have a student who receives speech-language therapy at school, please click on the following link to join my Class Dojo classroom, <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?c=CP645EY> I will also send home a page explaining Class Dojo with the link with each of my students in their speech folder on their first day of speech. Please be watching for these folders, which will contain any important information I need to send to you, as well as weekly practice assignments to target the skills we are working on during speech therapy. I look forward to working with all my students this year – I know it will be a great one!!!

Mrs. Wallace



Mr. Rees
Room 108
Integrated Science 7
Physical Science 9
Human Anatomy Physiology

Welcome Back to Everyone!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their long summer break and is ready to dive into a new and exciting year! I look forward to the challenges that this new school year brings and hope that we can get back on - track after a difficult and challenging year!

For over two decades here at Mineral Ridge High School, I have seen many changes in our school, our staff and our students. Our most recent changes in staff, curriculum and school facilities offer our students a greater opportunity than ever to learn and grow in a positive and productive manner! I know that along with the other members of our great faculty, we will be able to guide our students to face the challenges that will face during their High School years.

Integrated Science 7 will be a great *transitional* science class as our new middle student will learn a variety of science –related subjects. Included in our curriculum is the study of Scientific Investigation, Tools of Science and Technology, Environmental and Natural Resources, Space Sciences and Life Sciences.

Physical Science 9 will examine subjects such as the *physical* nature of Matter, Forces, Chemistry and Energy.

Human Anatomy and Physiology will be a broad based survey-type course designed to prepare those students interested in careers in medicine and related fields. It will explore the form and function of the Human Body and its 11 Organ Systems.

I look forward to working with all of our students and remember that my door is always open!

Mr. Ron Toth

10th Grade U.S. History
Social Psychology
20th Century History

Welcome, students! What follows are the course goals for every class I will ever teach you:

1. To enjoy life to its fullest. The more you know about the world around you, the more exciting your life will be, and the more interesting you will be as a person. Social studies enhance our knowledge of our surroundings and life in general.
2. To learn to make better decisions. History teaches us about how life was before our time, and Social Psychology teaches us about how life is now. Both of these fields of study teach us that every decision and every action have consequences both for ourselves and for others. We can develop discernment and rational decision-making by learning from the mistakes and successes of those who lived before us.
3. To experience success. Because not everyone has the same type or amount of abilities, I define success as “doing your best at all times”- even when you do not feel like it. So always do what is expected of you. This is all I can ever ask of you, and because I don’t want you to cheat yourself, your best is what I will always expect of you.

Looking forward to a GREAT year together,
Mr. Toth



My bride and me.

Mrs. Oyster,
8th Grade ELA



Hello parents, guardians, and students! I hope everyone has had an opportunity to get some much-deserved rest and relaxation this summer and are looking forward to getting back to school and, if you are like me, getting back to a schedule! This year marks my sixth year at Mineral Ridge and my 11th year in education. I received my bachelor's degree in education from Youngstown State University (2010), a Master's in teacher leadership from Walden University (2015), and a Master's in Administration from Concordia University (2021).

This year, students will be completing lessons from the MyPerspectives Curriculum, the Common Lit Curriculum, and we will also do two novel studies. Within these lessons, students will be tasked with reading, analyzing, and discussing grade level passages, practicing grammar and mechanics, and writing expository, argumentative, and narrative writing pieces.

If you have any questions or need to speak to me at any time, the fastest way to contact me is through email (oysterste@weathersfield.k12.oh.us). You can also call the high school at 330-652-1451. I am looking forward to spending the next nine months with such a talented group of kids. See you all soon!

Mr. Joe Yaksich received his Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Youngstown State University and his Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from Kent State University in. He spent several years as a freelance musician and has played in several area ensembles including the Youngstown Symphony, the Brass Band of the Western Reserve, the W.D. Packard Concert Band, and the Carmen Mico Big Band Orchestra. Mr. Yaksich has been teaching junior high and high school music for 28 years and began his teaching career in the Canfield Local Schools. He currently works in the Weathersfield Local Schools where he directs the high school bands and choir. He is also involved with church music and has served as organist at the First United Methodist Church in Hubbard, and the First Christian Church in Girard. He is currently the Choir Director at the Girard United Methodist Church.

In his spare time, Mr. Y likes to play video games, read books, and watch anything related to Star Wars or Marvel Super Heroes. He also like to practice the trumpet.





Mrs. Fisher
Algebra I, Algebra III, AP Statistics

Hello my name is Holly Fisher and I am the Algebra I, STEM Algebra I, Algebra III, and AP Statistics teacher here at Mineral Ridge High School. This will be my 15th year teaching and my 14th year with the Weathersfield Local School District.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a new school year. I am looking forward to getting to know both students and parents throughout the coming year. In order to make the year a successful one, teamwork and cooperation will be required by all.

We will be using a variety of online tools and resources to help accommodate both this unique time and the changing times of technology. You will be provided online username and passwords for a multitude of things for both parent and student accessibility. Those will be distributed and posted on my website the first week of school. Please keep those all in a safe place!

I will do my best to help make this year a positive experience. It is my goal to help all of my students become confident learners. I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the school year and I am confident together we can be a very successful team.

~Go Rams
~Spread Kindness

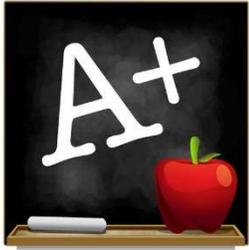
Sincerely,
Mrs. Fisher

Supplies for Algebra I, Algebra III and AP Statistics Classes

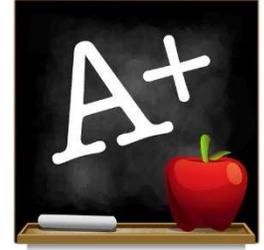
- Notebook Paper
- Binder and/or Notebook
- Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- Any TI Series graphing calculator*
 - TI 83, 84plus, 84 C, 84 CE

All supplies are necessary all year round, so please just replace them as needed.

*We do have a classroom set that students can borrow during class only



Meet
Mr. Apisa



Welcome To 7th Grade!!!

My name is Andrew Apisa and I look forward to working with your child this year!

This is my 21st year teaching at Mineral Ridge High School. I have taught many different courses throughout my time here at Mineral Ridge ranging from Math 7 to Trigonometry.

I am a Mineral Ridge HS alum, received my bachelor's degree in Mathematics and secondary teaching license from Thiel College, and I got my master's degree in Integrating Technology into the Classroom from Walden University.

Outside the classroom, I have been married to my loving wife, Amber, for the last 15 years and have two little ones. My daughter, Elizabeth, is 8 years old and my son, Andrew, is 7.

Some of my favorite things are:

- Mexican Food → Calaveras!!
- Basset Hounds
- Coaching (Football / T&F)
- The color orange
- The Vegas Golden Knights
- The Detroit Lions
- The Miami Hurricanes
- Spending time/traveling with my family!

Welcome to Math 7!!!

This course is aligned to Ohio's Math Learning Standards for 7th grade math. The instructional units for this course include operations with integers and rational numbers; working with multi-step expressions, equations, and inequalities; extending the concepts of ratios, proportional reasoning, and percents; geometric relationships which include properties of triangles, angles, areas of composite figures; area/circumference of circles; surface area & volume; probability and statistics.

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THE ROOM 209 BULLETIN

Mrs. Russell's Back to School Newsletter

September 2021

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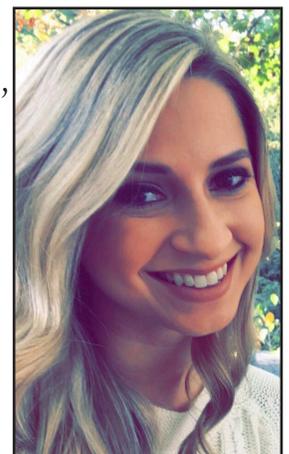
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A Letter from Your Teacher

Dear Students,
Welcome back! I am sad for our summer break to come to an end, but I am so happy that we will all be back in the classroom and learning together this year. I cannot wait for all of the great opportunities we will have to share in the experience of literature and get to know each other.

For those of you who are new to my class, this is my eighth year teaching English at Mineral Ridge High School. I currently teach Writing 101, English 10, Honors English 10, and AP Literature and Composition. I graduated from YSU in 2012 and this past summer, I completed my MA in English. I live in Poland with my husband, Nick, and my two dogs, Chip and Loki. When I'm not grading essays, I enjoy eating great food, traveling, and rooting for Cleveland sports teams.



Wishing you the very best year,
Mrs. Russell

Keys to Success: Responsibility and Preparation

Knowing what to do each day when you come into class is the first step toward making the most of your time and earning the grade you want in English class. Unless told otherwise, expect to follow these steps to start the period each day.

1
Come prepared to class with your folder/binder, notebook, writing utensils, textbook, and a fully charged laptop.

2
Start working on your daily vocabulary immediately so that class can start promptly within 5 minutes of the bell.

3
If you have work to turn in, work to retrieve from the absent folder, or need me to sign a pass, it must be done at the beginning of the period.

Back to School Shopping List

There are a number of supplies that you will need just for English class this year.

- College ruled loose leaf paper
- Notebook
- Folder
- Coloring materials
- Highlighters
- 3 ring binder (2 inch or larger)
- Tab dividers for binder



Calling All Readers!

If you enjoy young adult literature, consider signing up to participate in Youngstown State University's English Festival. Each year, students from all over the area read seven books and are then invited in the spring to visit campus and take part in the festival. Activities include writing contests, games, workshops, and the chance to listen to renowned authors speak about their books. More information will be available in October. See Mrs. Russell if you have questions.

Congratulations to the 2021 festival prize winners!

Candace Gay Memorial Essay

Sylvia Whittaker-Traw - 2nd place

Journalism Workshop

Sylvia Whittaker-Traw - Honorable Mention

Writing Games

Aidan O'Brian- 4th place

Not So Trivial Pursuit

Olivia Jackson - 1st place

Ronny Lame - 1st place

Christen Nutt- 4th place

Phillip Armstrong - 1st place

Jacqueline Rhinehart - 5th place



Extra Credit Opportunity

Help us stock our classroom and earn bonus points at the same time. At any one point during the year, you can decorate a tissue box to represent a favorite author or novel you have read. Your finished product could be worth up to 10 points of extra credit that will be added to your grade.



1. Select either an author or a favorite text.
2. Cover the tissue box with pictures and works.
3. Your overall design should:
 - Include the title of the work(s) and author
 - Detail and Illustrate the key characters
 - Represent the central themes
 - Include at least 5 significant quotations

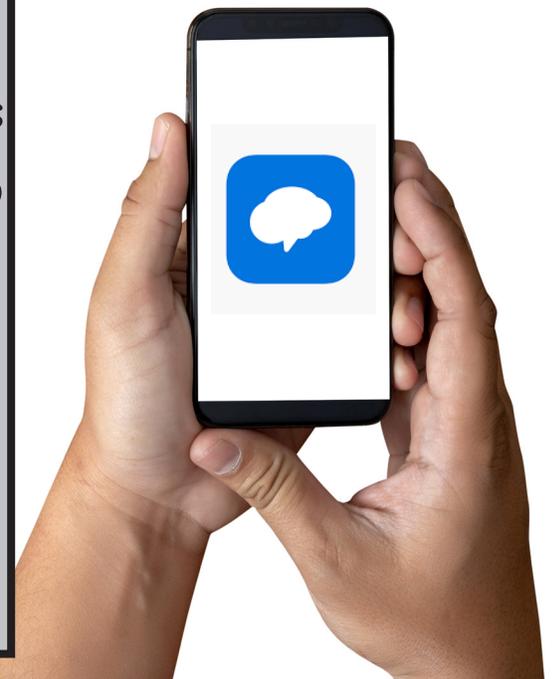
Sign up for Remind101

There may be times throughout the school year when I need to send out class reminders or updates. Please take some time to sign up for your class using the Remind app.

English 10 Text @10MRHS209 to 81010

Honors 10 Text @H10MRHS209 to 81010

AP Literature Text @APMRHS209 to 81010



Mr. Yeagley

Physical Science (9th
Grade)

Chemistry (11th Grade)

Chemistry II (12th Grade)

Physics (12th Grade)



Hello!

My name is Mr. Yeagley
and I teach a variety of

science classes here at Mineral Ridge High School. For the past decade, I have always looked forward to the first day of school and the many exciting things we get to do both inside and outside the classroom. My goal is not to necessarily make you *love* science, but rather I aim to instill an appreciation of the way the world works and how precious our place in the cosmos truly is. Science, after all, is the pursuit of a deeper knowledge of the way nature behaves from the scale of atoms, to cells, to planets, to the universe as a whole. In all of my classes, we accomplish this through experiments, projects, and activities that hopefully better demonstrate that what we are learning about in class is connected to certain fundamental laws that govern everything around us.

Outside the regular school day, I also serve as the advisor for both student council and the junior class. I would encourage you to take advantage of the many activities that we offer throughout the year as these can lead to experiences and memories that you will carry with you forever. As always, if you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions or concerns throughout the year. You can get the most out of my classes if you take the time to think about the topics we discuss and how they affect you personally. If you approach my classes with seriousness and an open mind, you will succeed!

GO RAMS!



MEET THE teacher

Hello, my name is Mrs. Roth! I teach 7th grade language arts and character education. This is my 7th year teaching and my 2nd year in Ridge. I studied middle childhood education at Youngstown State University and graduated in 2014. While there, I focused on language arts and social studies. I went on to receive my master's degree in educational technology in 2018. I love teaching language arts, because I love reading and writing. I think it is so much fun to be able to learn about so many other subjects and topics in language arts class.

This year, we will work toward strengthening and improving your vocabulary, spelling, grammar, writing, reading, and oral communication skills. Students will continue to enhance their independent reading skills by developing more advanced vocabulary, additional comprehension skills, and literary skills. In addition, we will concentrate on the areas of composing, written expression, and usage/mechanics while developing narrative, expository and persuasive writings. We use a variety of sources including our textbook, novels, IXL, iReady, and other outside sources to enhance these skills. There will be many different types of assignments and activities including bellwork, journals, quizzes, tests, and projects!

I am looking forward to an amazing year with you all!

MY FAVORITES

-  Color: Grey
-  Subject: History
-  Food: Potatoes
-  Movie: My Girl
-  Sport: Football
-  Book: Hunger Games

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Miss Donini
Spanish 1-3

Welcome back students,

I am Miss Donini, the Spanish 1-3 teacher. I am so excited to begin this year with all of you! I have been teaching for two years and graduated from Youngstown State College. I studied abroad in Argentina and love to travel throughout South America or really anywhere when I have free time! I have been working hard to plan fun and exciting lessons for you this year! I can't wait for you to join me in exploring the wonderful cultures of Latin America and exploring a new language.



A few things to keep in mind heading into the new year...

Spanish 1, 2, and 3 will be focused on culture, speaking, grammar, and vocabulary. Please be ready to try out speaking the new language, but don't get intimidated. We are all in this learning community together. I do teach a lot in Spanish, which might sound a little funny to you at first, but with time you will become accustomed to it. We use lots of pictures and context clues and practices. We will be using a composition notebook to keep together some weekly journal entries, and we will also be using a binder that we can separate into units to help us keep organized. I know learning a new language can be intimidating, but through working together it can be an exciting experience. I cannot wait to share this school year with everyone!

Miss Donini



Mrs. Tocco has been a teacher in Mineral Ridge since 2012. She attended Youngstown State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education in 2004 and a Master of Arts in English in 2017. She also holds a Certificate of Graduate Studies for the Teaching of Literature. Mrs. Tocco lives in Poland with her husband and two sons. During the 2021-2022 school year, she will be teaching English 12, Writing 1550, American Literature and Diversity, Public Speaking, Creative Writing, and ACT Prep.